



Generous Hospitality
1 Peter 4:7-11
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Introduction:

I had rather be remembered as a “hospitable Christian” than to be remembered as a “good preacher”. I had rather “be a sermon” than to “preach a sermon”.

Without doubt, hospitality and just plain friendless is in great demand across America today. It's rare, but so welcomed when we find someone who treats us nice. Businesses, cooperation's, franchises, and yes, even churches, often fail when it comes to how we treat people.

Biblical hospitality gives us all an opportunity to be a missionary without ever having to obtain a passport.

1 Timothy 3:2 (NKJV) A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, and able to teach.

“When our homes are ruled according to the Word of God angels might be asked to stay with us and they never find themselves out of place.”

Charles Spurgeon

There are a lot of churches in our area, but when you make the deliberate choice to worship God with us at Clements it's a big deal to us. Our desire is to make your first visit with us a defining moment for you and your family. I desire Clements Baptist Church to be the friendliest church in the State of Alabama.

Webster's Dictionary:

Hospitality refers to being friendly and having concern for other people with our words as well as attitudes.

1 Peter 4:8-9 (NKJV) And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without grumbling.

Romans 12:13 (NKJV) Distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.

Theology without feet never helped anybody. Hospitality is the responsibility of every child of God.

“The danger of ‘being taken’ is no excuse for not helping someone in need. A stranger, by definition, is someone we do not know personally. Consequently, it is easy to be deceived when helping a stranger. A person who asks us for ten dollars to buy food for his family, he may spend it on alcohol or drugs. We should use our common sense in deciding how best to help him, but our primary concern should be for helping, not for avoiding him or being taken advantage of. If we help in good faith, God will honor our effort. Love is often taken advantage of, but that doesn’t excuse the Christian from giving it.”

John MacArthur



KEY THOUGHT:

**“SOMETIMES THE PRIMARY WAY IN WHICH GOD ANSWERS YOUR PRAYERS
IS BY MEANS OF HOSPITALITY.”**